

## People for the Environment

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Dear FDA,

As co-chair of a grass roots environmental group with a mailing list of over 300 residents in the Massachusetts' Merrimack Valley, I am writing to express my extreme concern with your agency's weak oversight regarding genetically engineered foods.

Without going into the well known diatribe regarding the ills of food that has been genetically altered--ranging from moral to health issues-- let me succinctly state that the new FDA ruling calling for voluntary labeling of our food is woefully inadequate. In fact, it smacks of pandering to the industry.

Let's get busy with seriously protecting the health and safety of the general public! The law must be mandatory to label such foods. All of us have the right to know what we are eating.

More to the point, a moratorium on genetically engineered foods must be put in place until it is truly known that they do not hamper the health and safety of living things.

Sincerely,



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